

EXHIBIT B

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
3 CHARLESTON DIVISION
4 IN RE: ETHICON, INC. : Master File No.
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6 PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION : MDL 2327
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8 : JOSEPH R.
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10 DEPOSITION OF ELAINE DUNCAN, taken
 pursuant to notice, was held at the law
11 offices of Nilan Johnson Lewis, PA, 120
 South Sixth Street, Suite 400, Minneapolis,
12 Minnesota 55402, commencing at 9:15 a.m. on
 the above date, before Barbara J. Carey,
13 Registered Professional Reporter and Notary
 Public in and for the State of Minnesota.

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1 sitting here today with the benefit of hindsight, which of
2 course we do --

3 A. 20/20.

4 Q. -- always 20/20.

5 Is there anything that you would recommend
6 today to Ethicon that would have changed that design
7 qualification back in the late '90s, early 2000s?

8 A. It's my conclusion that this device, based on
9 the clinical experience and the robust endorsement of this
10 device by the AUGS organization, and even the FDA, that I
11 would be foolhardy to try to suggest there's a better way
12 to make this product.

13 Q. Okay. So let me ask -- because I think we're
14 maybe talking about two different things here.

15 AUGS was not involved in the design process or
16 the qualification of the design of the TVT-R
17 mechanically-cut mesh; correct?

18 A. Physicians were certainly incorporating their
19 ideas, yes.

20 Q. Okay. But you specifically mentioned the
21 AUGS.

22 A. Uh-huh.

23 Q. And you'll agree with me that AUGS had nothing
24 to do with the qualification of the design of the TVT-R

1 you're not qualified to talk -- about the clinical, the
2 medical risk and benefit of the TVT-R mechanically-cut
3 device today; correct?

4 A. But ma'am, you asked me -- I think if you go
5 back to the question, it was "Would there be a better way
6 of doing it?" And I have to say, again, that the proof is
7 in the pudding, that when we look at a device, which is
8 functioning as intended and safe, I would not recommend to
9 a company to go back and redesign it.

10 Q. And perhaps we're talking about something
11 different. I think this is what I'm trying to get at with
12 you.

13 A. Okay.

14 Q. I'm not talking about going back and
15 redesigning.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. There's a process that every company has to go
18 through when designing a medical device; correct?

19 A. They vary, but as a general framework, we
20 currently do, yes.

21 Q. Okay. And the reason the process is in place
22 is ultimately to ensure patient safety; correct?

23 A. That's the goal, yes.

24 Q. And you believe that it's important for

1 their output in the context of what was happening at the
2 time I'm looking. So if I'm looking at due diligence
3 of a license, I look at what's current at that time with
4 respect to procedures that derive from standards in
5 guidance documents and regulations.

6 Q. Okay. You keep giving me the same answer.

7 A. It's the same answer?

8 Q. Well, you're not answering the question.

9 A. I'm sorry, I'm trying my best.

10 Q. So let me try this again.

11 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

12 MR. WALLACE: You're talking over her.

13 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

14 BY MS. FITZPATRICK:

15 Q. Can you do what you did in this report without
16 looking at and considering the FDA regulations concerning
17 medical devices?

18 A. You have to consider them.

19 Q. Okay. And you considered the FDA regulations
20 concerning medical devices in your report and in your
21 opinions that you reached in this case; right?

22 A. As one of many things that I considered.

23 Q. And you're not able to issue this report
24 without considering the FDA regulations.

1 Is that your testimony?

2 A. No, I could go back and revise the report
3 and leave out FDA regulations, but it would be less than
4 a diligent job on my part because I have to be present
5 with respect to standards and regulations and best
6 practices that are current in each of these phases.

7 So if you would want me to go back and revise
8 the report, for example, and take out just FDA
9 regulations, it would be peculiar, at best.

10 Q. Would it be a different report?

11 A. I can't say without attempting to do it. It
12 wouldn't be what I normally do as a part of due diligence.

13 Q. Okay. And it wouldn't be --

14 A. Can I give you an example?

15 Q. Hang on. Yes, you can, but let me make sure
16 that I'm understanding.

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. Because you and I seem to have lost --

19 A. Our rapport?

20 Q. I don't want to say rapport, but we seem to be
21 talking past each other.

22 The report, as drafted, has intertwined
23 throughout it consideration of the FDA requirements for
24 medical devices; correct?

1 A. In connection with. I'm just trying to
2 understand what you mean by "in connection with."

3 Q. As opposed to the TVT-O, as opposed to the
4 Prolift. We're talking -- you do understand we're here
5 talking about what Ethicon did with respect to the TVT-R
6 product? You understand that; right?

7 A. Now, you said it differently. You said --
8 so I can state myself that I believe they did their
9 due diligence for the product in each of the respective
10 phases that I reviewed for mechanical.

11 Q. And one of the things that you rely on to
12 reach that conclusion concerning due diligence is the fact
13 that Ethicon received a number of 510(k) clearances for
14 the TVT products?

15 A. It was only one of the things that I looked
16 at. I didn't rely on it exclusively.

17 Q. Okay. Perhaps you want to listen to my
18 question.

19 One of the things that you rely on to reach
20 that conclusion concerning due diligence is the fact that
21 Ethicon received a number of 510(k) clearances for the TVT
22 products?

23 A. The family of products. That was one of the
24 things I looked at.

1 Q. And that's what I asked you. So the answer is
2 "yes"?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you go on in your report to say, "Despite
5 the impression created by the lay press, a 510(k)
6 submission is NOT" -- and you've got that capitalized,
7 -- "a 'shortcut to market.'"

8 What lay press are you referring to?

9 A. Any of the lay press. There's constantly -- I
10 live in an area where medical device companies are
11 concentrated, so the Star Tribune and the Pioneer Press
12 and any -- even the New York Times will often refer to a
13 510(k) as the shortcut process for FDA approval, and
14 that's the point I was trying to make.

15 Q. You -- do you believe that there's a
16 difference between the requirements for PMA versus 510(k)
17 clearance by the FDA?

18 A. It's not a belief; it's a fact.

19 Q. Okay. And you'll agree with me that the
20 510(k) submission takes a shorter period of time to get a
21 product to market; correct, than a PMA?

22 A. Not always.

23 Q. Okay. Give me an example of when a PMA took a
24 shorter period of time to get something to market than the

1 in order to do a comprehensive due diligence, and I did my
2 best to do that throughout the effort that I put into this
3 report.

4 BY MS. FITZPATRICK:

5 Q. Is it -- I'm trying to understand what you're
6 saying.

7 Are you saying that you could not do a
8 comprehensive due diligence without considering the FDA
9 regulations in connection with this report?

10 A. It would be less than professional.

11 Q. Okay.

12 MR. DAVIS: At some point, let's take a
13 break, but you can finish this line.

14 MS. FITZPATRICK: Yeah, let me just
15 finish this; okay?

16 BY MS. FITZPATRICK:

17 Q. And because of your opinion on that, you
18 mentioned -- in assuming the three -- I don't know
19 where it is -- you said three of that pyramid.

20 One of the three things that is the
21 cornerstone or that you considered is compliance by
22 Ethicon with FDA regulations. It's one of the three?

23 MR. DAVIS: Object to the form.

24 THE WITNESS: All regulations, whether